

RIO HONDO MHC HONORS RETIRED DR FAZAL MIRZA
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On Wednesday, May 27, 2015, The Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health's (LACDMH) Rio Hondo Mental Health Center (MHC) gathered staff, clients, their families and the community together at Liberty Park in Cerritos for a special luncheon. The gathering was not only a chance to acknowledge May as Mental Health Awareness Month but also an opportunity to honor one of the center's recently retired doctors, Fazal Mirza, MD.



Lunch was served to everyone who attended. The gathering was filled with music, dancing and testimonials from clients and their families. There was also a gallery of arts and crafts, and a resource and information fair with tables from Rio Hondo MHC, the LACDMH Emergency Outreach Bureau, Bienestar, Cerritos College, Harbor Regional, America's Job Center of California, NAMI/Family Engagement, Smile Finders, Health Advocates, Access Wireless, Our Way, The Painted Brain, The Village and DOR.



In recognition of his 29+ years of service to Los Angeles County, Deputy Director Cathy Warner, LCSW, and District Chief Ana Suarez, LCSW, presented Dr. Fazal Mirza with a scroll from the Board of Supervisors, signed by all five members of the Board. The scroll is a special award given to those who exhibit exceptional service to the community. It is considered a top honor to receive a five-signature scroll.